



**Peñuelas Valley Landfill, LLC.**  
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February 10, 2020

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**Re: Administrative Order on Consent**  
**DOCKET NUMBER CWA-02-2018-3104**  
**Peñuelas Valley Landfill**  
**Eighth Progress Report**

Dear Team Leader:


The referenced order on consent requires submittal of compliance progress reports (Progress Reports) covering a two-month period that describe the status and progress of actions taken to comply with the ordered provisions. This is the Seventh progress report that under the order is required on or before February 10, 2020, covering the months of December 2019 and January 2020. The order also requires the presentation of a comprehensive engineering analysis of measures within 180 days from the order date. This letter presents the summary of activities conducted in October and November 2019. The engineering analysis was presented to USEPA along with the third progress report on March 22, 2019.

Peñuelas Valley Landfill (PVL) contracted CEC Engineers and Consultants, LLC. (CEC) to perform the comprehensive engineering analysis of measures, such as, but not limited to, structural BMPs, non-structural BMPs, stormwater storage, groundwater recharge, and treatment technologies, to bring TSS discharges into compliance with the effluent limit established in Part 8.L.10 of the 2015 MSGP.

The site continues to provide routine maintenance to erosion and sedimentation control devices as necessary. Silt fences are being kept in place and new controls have been installed in key areas of conveyance of storm water run-off. The attached photos show

the areas where silt fences and mulch have been installed. In addition, the site also continues to perform road water spraying for the control of fugitive dust and periodic road washing with water is being performed to prevent mud accumulation and potential discharge during rain events.

One initial recommendation by CEC was to increase the current capacity the sedimentation pond. PVL, using internal resources, has removed sediment from the pond during the period. This activity was completed November 2019 and has increased the treatment capacity of the sedimentation basin extensively. During the current reporting period, no additional sediment material/soil was removed.



The site has continued to monitor the storm water discharge from Pond 1. Total precipitation in December 2019 was 2.34 inches. Total precipitation in January 2020 was 1.68 inches. Although there have been two consecutive rain events with low TSS levels below the regulatory limit, there has been no rain events since that time that has caused discharge from Pond 1 during the reporting period. In order to achieve compliance, the AO and the MSGP 2015 require three consecutive compliant discharges. The site will continue to monitor future discharges, but we have entered the dry season and precipitation during this period is very limited. There is no liquid in the primary (discharge) sedimentation pond, and some vegetation has established on the bottom and side slopes. The precipitation reports are attached for reference. Based on the current and historical weather patterns for the area we do not expect a discharge from Outfall 001 until March 2020 or later.

The attached photographs show the current condition of the primary and secondary sedimentation ponds and the intermediate berm that divides the sedimentation ponds. Also shown are drainage channels and areas that have been protected with riprap, ground wood, and silt fence.

It is our interest to bring this matter to closure as soon as practicable, but we must acknowledge that a third discharge sample may not be available for collection until March 2020 or even later.

The statement below follows the requirements of administrative order.

"I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gathered and evaluated the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations."

February 10, 2020

Should you require additional information please contact Jaime Jaén at (787) 391-0074 or by email at [jjaen@ecwaste.com](mailto:jjaen@ecwaste.com), or Kevin Shaw at (912) 659-7179 or by email at [kshaw@ecwaste.com](mailto:kshaw@ecwaste.com).

Cordially,

**Peñuelas Valley Landfill, LLC.**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Randy Jensen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Randy Jensen  
CEO and President





*Photo 1 - Discharge structure to Outfall 001- No stormwater present near discharge pipe; vegetation has established on pond bottom and side slopes.*



*Photo 2 - Sedimentation pond inlet showing some vegetation and energy dissipater.*





*Photo 3 - Panoramic view of sedimentation pond inlet showing additional stormwater holding capacity.*



*Photo 4 - Panoramic view showing intermediate berm and area of previous excavation with stormwater.*

## MONTHLY CLIMATOLOGICAL SUMMARY for DEC. 2019

NAME: PVL1 CITY: STATE:  
ELEV: 0 ft LAT: LONG:

TEMPERATURE (°F), RAIN (in), WIND SPEED (mph)

DAY	MEAN TEMP	HIGH	TIME	LOW	TIME	HEAT DEG DAYS	COOL DEG DAYS	RAIN	AVG WIND SPEED	HIGH	TIME	DOM DIR
1	79.2	84.6	10:00p	75.7	3:00p	0.0	14.2	0.00	8.6	23.0	11:00p	E
2	79.6	85.2	9:30p	74.0	5:30a	0.0	14.6	0.47	8.9	30.0	4:00a	ENE
3	79.7	84.4	12:00m	76.1	4:30p	0.0	14.7	0.00	9.0	24.0	9:30p	E
4	80.2	84.9	11:00p	76.8	1:00p	0.0	15.2	0.00	8.8	23.0	10:30p	E
5	80.2	84.7	11:00p	77.1	4:00p	0.0	15.2	0.00	8.3	24.0	10:00p	E
6	79.9	85.2	11:00p	76.4	6:00a	0.0	14.9	0.00	7.4	24.0	1:00a	E
7	78.0	84.0	9:00p	73.0	12:30p	0.0	13.0	0.34	6.0	21.0	3:30a	ENE
8	78.4	85.2	10:00p	73.7	10:00a	0.0	13.4	0.00	7.3	29.0	11:30p	E
9	79.5	85.5	10:00p	76.0	1:30p	0.0	14.5	0.00	9.4	29.0	11:00p	E
10	79.3	87.4	12:00m	74.2	4:00p	0.0	14.3	0.00	6.8	28.0	8:30p	ESE
11	78.3	85.6	12:30a	72.5	2:00p	0.0	13.3	0.00	6.6	30.0	7:30p	E
12	78.2	85.3	1:00a	72.4	10:00p	0.0	13.2	0.21	8.7	42.0	10:00p	ESE
13	78.0	82.7	10:30p	74.4	4:00p	0.0	13.0	0.00	10.2	34.0	8:00p	E
14	77.0	81.3	12:30a	73.8	5:30p	0.0	12.0	0.10	10.7	34.0	7:30p	E
15	78.1	84.5	9:30p	74.1	11:30a	0.0	13.1	0.18	7.8	37.0	12:00m	E
16	78.0	82.9	9:30p	74.2	12:30a	0.0	13.0	0.05	9.4	37.0	11:30p	E
17	77.1	82.3	9:30p	71.5	5:30a	0.0	12.1	0.68	12.5	35.0	1:30a	E
18	78.3	83.2	10:30p	75.6	12:00p	0.0	13.3	0.00	10.8	32.0	10:00p	E
19	78.0	82.7	9:00p	74.6	1:00p	0.0	13.0	0.00	9.5	26.0	1:30a	E
20	77.3	82.9	9:30p	72.9	10:00a	0.0	12.3	0.00	6.8	29.0	11:00p	SE
21	77.3	83.1	10:00p	73.5	12:30p	0.0	12.3	0.00	8.8	28.0	1:30a	E
22	77.0	82.8	11:30p	72.1	3:00p	0.0	12.0	0.00	9.8	25.0	10:30p	E
23	77.7	82.6	10:00p	75.0	11:00a	0.0	12.7	0.00	10.3	26.0	7:30p	E
24	78.8	82.7	9:30p	76.8	4:00p	0.0	13.8	0.00	8.1	24.0	7:30p	ESE
25	79.3	81.6	9:00p	75.7	12:00m	0.0	14.3	0.21	4.3	20.0	12:30a	WSW
26	77.0	83.9	10:00p	73.5	10:30a	0.0	12.0	0.01	3.1	16.0	5:30a	ENE
27	78.2	85.5	10:00p	72.8	4:30p	0.0	13.2	0.00	3.5	17.0	10:30p	SSE
28	78.7	83.9	9:30p	75.1	4:30p	0.0	13.7	0.00	6.6	24.0	10:30p	E
29	77.5	84.5	9:30p	72.9	9:00a	0.0	12.5	0.00	5.9	25.0	9:00p	E
30	78.7	84.5	10:30p	74.6	3:00p	0.0	13.6	0.00	5.6	18.0	12:30a	E
31	77.2	83.3	12:00m	73.9	7:00a	0.0	12.2	0.09	4.8	15.0	2:00a	E
	78.4	87.4	10	71.5	17	0.0	414.6	2.34	7.9	42.0	12	E

Max &gt;= 90.0: 0

Max &lt;= 32.0: 0

Min &lt;= 32.0: 0

Min &lt;= 0.0: 0

Max Rain: 0.68 ON 12/17/19

Days of Rain: 9 (&gt;.01 in) 6 (&gt;.1 in) 0 (&gt;1 in)

Heat Base: 65.0 Cool Base: 65.0 Method: Integration



# MONTHLY CLIMATOLOGICAL SUMMARY for JAN. 2020

NAME: PVL1 CITY: STATE:  
ELEV: 0 ft LAT: LONG:

TEMPERATURE (°F), RAIN (in), WIND SPEED (mph)

DAY	MEAN TEMP	HIGH	TIME	LOW	TIME	HEAT DEG DAYS	COOL DEG DAYS	RAIN	AVG WIND SPEED	HIGH	TIME	DOM DIR
1	76.6	84.1	9:30p	71.7	11:00a	0.0	11.6	0.58	4.0	18.0	2:00a	NE
2	77.9	84.0	12:30a	74.6	3:30p	0.0	12.9	0.04	5.3	25.0	12:00m	ENE
3	75.6	84.6	12:00m	70.8	8:30a	0.0	10.6	0.01	4.5	22.0	1:00a	ENE
4	76.4	82.5	12:30a	70.4	2:00p	0.0	11.4	0.00	3.3	15.0	4:30a	SSE
5	76.9	81.9	8:00p	72.5	10:30a	0.0	11.9	0.00	4.4	16.0	5:30p	ENE
6	75.6	83.4	9:30p	71.7	4:30p	0.0	10.6	0.04	8.5	27.0	10:00p	E
7	77.6	82.2	9:00p	74.8	3:00p	0.0	12.6	0.00	7.8	25.0	2:00a	E
8	77.3	86.3	10:30p	73.0	2:00p	0.0	12.3	0.00	7.7	32.0	12:30a	E
9	78.3	84.9	10:30p	74.9	11:30a	0.0	13.3	0.00	10.3	38.0	9:00p	E
10	78.7	85.7	12:00m	74.6	11:00a	0.0	13.7	0.00	11.3	39.0	9:30p	E
11	78.5	85.2	12:30a	75.2	11:00a	0.0	13.5	0.01	10.7	36.0	11:00p	E
12	78.1	84.1	11:30p	75.0	4:00p	0.0	13.1	0.00	11.5	36.0	8:00p	E
13	77.9	84.1	1:00a	74.4	5:00p	0.0	12.9	0.00	11.3	43.0	11:00p	E
14	77.5	83.3	10:00p	74.1	4:00p	0.0	12.5	0.00	10.9	37.0	7:30p	SE
15	76.9	85.0	10:30p	71.5	12:00p	0.0	11.9	0.00	9.0	31.0	1:30a	E
16	76.9	82.9	12:30a	71.9	4:30p	0.0	11.9	0.00	6.4	22.0	10:30p	E
17	76.3	84.7	12:00m	70.8	6:00p	0.0	11.3	0.00	7.4	29.0	10:30p	E
18	76.3	84.3	12:30a	70.7	1:30p	0.0	11.3	0.00	8.4	32.0	9:00p	E
19	76.7	82.7	9:30p	73.0	10:30a	0.0	11.7	0.00	9.0	30.0	12:30a	E
20	76.4	81.7	11:00p	72.2	12:00p	0.0	11.4	0.01	9.3	27.0	9:30p	E
21	76.0	80.7	12:30a	73.3	4:00p	0.0	11.0	0.04	9.2	22.0	1:00a	E
22	75.6	80.0	1:00a	71.9	12:30p	0.0	10.6	0.11	4.4	18.0	10:30p	E
23	76.0	81.9	10:00p	71.6	2:30p	0.0	11.0	0.04	3.1	18.0	9:00p	E
24	75.7	82.2	10:00p	71.7	1:00p	0.0	10.7	0.40	6.1	19.0	9:00p	ENE
25	75.4	80.2	10:00p	70.9	11:30a	0.0	10.4	0.29	6.4	18.0	8:00a	E
26	76.2	82.0	10:00p	72.5	12:30p	0.0	11.2	0.00	6.0	17.0	11:00p	E
27	76.3	81.1	10:30p	72.0	4:00p	0.0	11.3	0.00	3.0	17.0	1:30a	WSW
28	76.2	81.9	9:00p	71.1	3:30p	0.0	11.2	0.00	3.0	18.0	10:30p	W
29	76.8	82.5	10:00p	71.6	3:30p	0.0	11.8	0.00	5.4	19.0	8:00p	ENE
30	77.4	83.9	10:00p	73.3	3:00p	0.0	12.4	0.00	7.1	22.0	11:00p	ENE
31	76.5	81.9	12:30a	71.1	5:30a	0.0	11.5	0.11	9.0	29.0	10:00p	E
	76.8	86.3	8	70.4	4	0.0	365.5	1.68	7.2	43.0	13	E

Max >= 90.0: 0

Max <= 32.0: 0

Min <= 32.0: 0

Min <= 0.0: 0

Max Rain: 0.58 ON 01/01/20

Days of Rain: 9 (>.01 in) 5 (>.1 in) 0 (>1 in)

Heat Base: 65.0 Cool Base: 65.0 Method: Integration